

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK

**SPECIAL SESSION
August 26, 2008**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona, convened in Special Session at 9:15 a.m., August 26, 2008, in the Supervisors Conference Room, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Andrew Kunasek, Chairman, District 3; Max W. Wilson, Vice Chairman, District 4 and Don Stapley, District 2. Absent: Fulton Brock, District 1 and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Shirley Million, Minutes Coordinator; David Smith, County Manager and Victoria Mangiapane, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: aye-nay-absent-abstain.

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL NACO AWARDS

Michael Rubino, Employee Health Initiatives, acted as the Master of Ceremonies for the National Association of Counties Recognition Ceremony. Mr. Rubino said that counties are the “governments of the future.” They are innovative and progressive, creating a variety of programs to meet the needs of their residents. He explained that NACo presents an annual Achievement Awards Program to recognize the creativity and imagination of county governments. This year Maricopa County has received 18 of these achievement awards.

Mr. Rubino acknowledged elected officials Helen Purcell, Maricopa County Recorder, and Superior Court Chief Justice, Barbara Mundell, who were present for the ceremony.

Chairman Kunasek acknowledged the leadership and innovative ideas that NACo provides to counties across the country and said that many of the innovations were born here in Maricopa County under the leadership of Supervisor Stapley, a long-time member of NACo and this year's NACo president. He added that the Board of Supervisors and David Smith are solidly behind him in his efforts to better Maricopa County and the nation through the work being done by NACo members. He congratulated the Maricopa County employees who will receive the special achievement awards this year.

Supervisor Wilson added his congratulations to the County employees who will be honored and said that he had become aware of many new concepts through his involvement in NACo and he knew that during the coming year, under the presidency of Supervisor Stapley, his idea of counties leading the nation in “going green” would be successful and beneficial. He urged employees to continue to compete for the NACo awards.

David Smith, recent recipient of the prestigious 2008 National Public Service Award by the American Society for Public Administration and the National Academy of Public Administration, commented on the “mindset” that Maricopa County has adopted, to focus on excellence in all areas of County government. He said that Supervisor Stapley has been a pro-active member of NACo since he joined and has greatly contributed to the national recognition of importance now accorded the organization by all levels of elected officials.

Supervisor Stapley said he was honored to be in this position and among colleagues who are supportive of his involvement in NACo and who have joined him in becoming active in the organization. He said that Counties are a specific level of government that is becoming increasingly vocal regarding their common needs. NACo looks at opportunities for counties to join together on common ground issues to make the voice of counties heard at higher government levels in order to forward county priorities that will improve the quality of life for citizens.

Supervisor Stapley said his #1 priority for his presidency is to disseminate information on “going green” and he expects that other counties will follow the lead of Maricopa County in adopting this new concept.

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He mentioned the paperless new agenda system and the energy-saving vehicles the County has purchased the past several years in adopting this new method of operations.

Mr. Stapley will continue NACo's civil dialogue regarding immigration and the need to secure the border. He said that counties need to work together to present a plan of action to the federal government, because this issue needs to be solved at that level, not at the state or county level.

He recognized Helen Purcell as the Chairman of NACo's Progress and Service Committee, which he said is a very busy and important standing committee in the organization. He added that Ms. Purcell has already given some valuable tips to counties experiencing election difficulties from the vast storehouse that has been learned and has our Elections Department one of the best in the nation.

He said that the official NACo Achievement Awards Program was begun in 1970 and is a non-competitive awards program which seeks to recognize innovative county government programs devised by member-county employees throughout the country. These are called County Model Programs. This achievement awards program gives national recognition to county accomplishments, and has enabled NACo to build a storehouse of county success stories that can be passed on to other counties.

Mr. Stapley congratulated the winners in the award categories for which Maricopa County received honors and especially to the "Best of Category" winning team from Parks & Recreation for its "Youth and Family Fitness, Hikes and Programs."

Michael Rubino retrieved the microphone to give descriptive commentary on the following award categories and winners with trophies handed out by Chairman Kunasek, Supervisors Stapley and Wilson and County Manager David Smith:

Quit Tobacco (QT) Program, Tobacco Use Prevention, Public Health

The Maricopa County Employee Health Initiatives (EHI) department established a unique joint venture with the Tobacco Use Prevention Program (MACTUPP) offering integrated, intensive, on-site tobacco cessation counseling for employees and covered dependents. QT program participants have quit tobacco use at a 14% higher rate than traditional cessation participants. In the first three years, one hundred-forty (140) county employees or dependents quit tobacco. Maricopa County has already saved approximately \$473,620 – \$227,220 in medical costs and \$146,400 in lost productivity. Award Recipients: Mike Schaiberger, Pat Vancil, Diane Golat, Donna Beedle, Eileen Eisen-Cohen, Connie Weare, Laurie Thomas, Debbie Catz, Gannon Wegner.

CourTools Measurement System, Court Technology Services

CourTools is an initiative of the National Center for State Courts to gauge court performance in areas including case management, juror opinion, and public opinion through specific measures. CTS worked with Superior Court leadership to develop an application that tracks this information, and as a result we have experienced improved services, proactive notifications of issues, and increased data integrity. This effort further supports the Arizona Judicial Branch's strategic Agenda – "Good to Great". Program Developer: David Stevens

Connecting the D.O.T.S. (Digitized Outline to Text System)

The Maricopa County Recorder/Elections GIS Department, among other things, is tasked with redrawing Voting Precinct, Justice of the Peace, and Board of Supervisor boundary lines. In the process of doing so, new legal descriptions for these boundaries need to be created. With this new application, legal descriptions of these boundaries are now created within minutes compared to more than 100 hours in the

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past each time boundaries were redrawn saving time and resulting in fiscal savings. Program Developer: Gary Bilotta, GIS Manager, Maricopa County Elections

Lake Pleasant Camp

Lake Pleasant Camp is a one of a kind aquatics program offered through the Desert Outdoor Center at Lake Pleasant. Programs offered through the camp provide local Boy Scouts with hands-on learning experiences in the Sonoran Desert and are designed to help them achieve merit badges. Program Team: Rich Glinski, Adam Melle, Sarah Steele, Natalie Harper, John Capes and Jenny Work. R.J. Cardin, Director of Parks & Recreation, accepted the award on behalf of the project team.

Community Forums, Superior Courts, Community Outreach

Superior Court in Maricopa County, Presiding Judge Barbara Rodriguez Mundell and Community Outreach Director Patricia Seguin received a National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award for the Court's series of Community Forums. Community outreach was one of Judge Mundell's top priorities when she began her five-year term as presiding judge in July 2005. "The Court and the Community Working Together" – a series of community forums - is invaluable both to the court and the community. Judges, court officials and members of the public host the evening meetings at community colleges throughout the Valley to discuss the court's responsibility to provide timely, fair and impartial justice to everyone.

Electronic Warrants, Court Technology, Superior Court

eWarrants automates creation, issuance, signing, sealing, submission to State/Federal, and quashing of warrants. Warrants are electronically stamped, sealed, watermarked, and eFiled into the Court's electronic case record. eWarrants types are Criminal Arrest, Criminal Bench (FTA), Probation Violation, Pre-Trial Violation, Civil Arrest, Child Support Arrest, Fiduciary Arrest, and Juvenile Arrest.

Agencies participating and benefiting

Judicial Branch (Superior Court, Justice Courts); Maricopa County Sheriff's Office; Maricopa County Attorney's Office; Indigent Representation (Public Defender); Clerk of Superior Court; Arizona Dept. of Public Safety (ACIC/NCIC). Award Recipients: Tom Gendron – Software Architect, Gary Huish – Project Coordinator

The Automated Criminal History

This program is an electronic process for gathering and formatting criminal history data. Results include a 50% time reduction and increased accuracy in producing criminal history reports, which are vital to the Court for determining offender risk. ICJIS, Adult Probation and the Criminal Bench contributed to the project. Award Recipient: Mark Hendershot, Adult Probation

Tabletop Exercises

These exercises are a training method used to prepare managers for a critical incident. Realistic scenarios are selected and participants act out their own roles, with assistance from a facilitator. The engaging exercises bring out important questions for discussion, as they prepare managers to respond to an actual critical incident. Award Recipient: Gary Streeter, Adult Probation

Contingency Management

This is a structured method of providing tangible motivational incentives to drug court participants to reward positive behavioral change. The success of Contingency Management has been demonstrated with improved treatment attendance, improved compliance with drug testing, and an increase in the percentage of drug tests that are negative. Award Recipients: Karen Barnes, Jill Gondek, Scott Stoffel, Ken Zimmerman, Irene Ayala, Laura Lasko and Chris Epps, Adult Probation

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Flood Control District El Rio Watercourse Master Plan

The El Rio Watercourse Master Plan is a comprehensive floodplain management strategy for a 17.5-mile stretch of the Gila River through the communities of Avondale, Goodyear and Buckeye. El Rio is an environmentally sensitive plan providing multi-use recreational and economic development opportunities with the restoration of the river for the benefit of future generations. Name the Project Team: Doug Williams, Theresa Pinto, John Hathaway, Jen Pokorski. Ed Raleigh, Engineering Division Manager, accepted the award for the team.

Flood Control District Web Site

The Flood Control District redesigned its Web site with a fresh appearance and upgraded design technology to provide county residents with an improved user interface and up-to-date information. The Web site received accolades from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The agency uses the site as a model for other flood control districts. Name the Project Team: Doug Williams, Theresa Pinto, John Hathaway, Jen Pokorski. Ed Raleigh, Engineering Division Manager, accepted the award for the team.

Adolescent Program, Tobacco Use Prevention Program

Adolescent Prevention/Cessation for "At Risk" Youth Summary: The Maricopa County Tobacco Use Prevention Program designed this adolescent program to fill the major gap in existing services. It reaches "at risk" adolescents who are between traditional prevention which ends at 8th grade and cessation services which begins at age 18. Targeted were those in county DOC detention facilities, residential treatment facilities, and charter and alternative high schools. The program had a great effect on students' actual smoking behavior. After the class, 33.2% reported they had quit, 20.2% reported plans to quit completely in the near future, 13% reported plans to quit eventually, and 14% reported they had decreased their tobacco use. Award Recipients: Donna Beedle, Connie Weare

Uno por Uno Campaign, Animal Care & Control Center

Uno por Uno (Spanish for one by one) was started in 2007 as a culturally sensitive campaign addressing the needs of under-served neighborhoods in Maricopa County, serving families and their pets. Uno por Uno offers free-or low-cost spay/neuter services, rabies vaccination clinics, license clinics and education on a frequent and repetitive basis throughout one neighborhood. Award Recipients: Al Aguinaga, Mark Soto, Rodrigo Silva, Aprille Hollis, Nancy Harris

Adopt-A—Highway Web Application, Department of Public Works

MCDOT advanced its Adopt a Highway program with a web based interface that allows potential volunteers a way to easily find roadways to help keep clean. The system utilizes GIS maps so citizens can search the county with ease, allowing them to graphically select a roadway to adopt. It even helps volunteers fill out and submit the application form so they no longer need to speak to a customer service representative, unless they want to. Additionally, the Adopt a Highway web application provides contact information for the state and various cities' Adopt a Road programs in case groups are interested in adopting a road that is not County maintained. Groups can add a link to their personal websites to promote their group and their clean up effort. Award Recipients: Mike McBride, Neeraja Narla, Alva Tovar, Alex Weisletten, Mark Brewer, Terry Peterson, Roseann Osborn-Perez, Marta Dent, Larry Wolfson, Michael Agne

Voter Assistance & Alternative Format Information Website, Elections/Recorders

Access to information has dramatically increased with the explosion of online resources and computer use by the general public. Voters want to be able to check their registration, request an early ballot, find their polling place, and answer basic questions about the electoral process 365 days of the year, 24 hours

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a day. A comprehensive website can provide that service. For voters with a disability, or if English is a second language, being able to access this information in an appropriate format is critical to their participation in our democracy. The Elections Department has an enhanced website providing a text-only version which enables the public using assistive software to "read" the site without confusing graphics and pictures. Additionally, information is posted as American Sign Language videos, audio files in English, Spanish, and Tohono O'odham. Further expansion of the site provides voters with the ability to request information in Large Print, Braille, and on CD. Award Recipient: Tammy Patrick

Road Map to Crime Prevention Booklet, County Attorneys Office

The "Road Map to Crime Prevention" booklet was intended to provide Maricopa County citizens with important information on crime awareness and prevention. This free "ready-reference tool" includes sections on burglary, auto theft, drunk driving, gangs and identity theft and many more, in addition to detailed steps on how to report a crime, crime reporting forms, and a "Resources" section with helpful websites, city and county agency telephone numbers and crime hotlines. The booklet also contains a section on prosecution and crime in Arizona and information on the three major prosecution agencies within Arizona. A complementary website, <http://www.crimefreeaz.com> was also launched. Chief Deputy Philip J. MacDonnell accepted the award on behalf of Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

"Best of the Category" Award goes to:

Youth and Family Fitness Hikes and Programs

In an effort to reconnect today's youth with nature, the Parks and Recreation Department introduced a series of Youth and Family Fitness Hikes and Programs. The programs offer a low-impact physical exercise component while introducing youth to the array of critters, animals and plants found in the Sonoran Desert. Program Team: Jennifer Johnston, Bill Talboys, Patricia Armstrong, Brennan Basler, Utery Mountain Regional Park. R.J. Cardin, Director of Parks & Recreation accepted the award for the team.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Andrew Kunasek, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board